

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A spinning top, comprising:
 - a compact disc; and
 - a spinning head comprising means for engaging a compact disc at an axially concentric position, said spinning head further comprising a base for frictionally engaging a planar surface,
wherein said means for engaging said compact disc at an axially concentric position is a hub.
2. (original) The spinning top of Claim 1, wherein said compact disc is selected from the group consisting of promotional CDs, music CDs, Internet CDs, marketing CDs, software CD, gaming CDs, blank CDs, and data CDs.
3. (previously amended) The spinning top of Claim 1, wherein said base of said spinning head comprises a shallow conical-shape.
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5. (currently amended) The spinning top of Claim 1, ~~wherein said means for engaging said compact disc at an axially concentric position is a hub,~~ wherein said hub is dimensioned, and downwardly tapered to a larger diameter, to facilitate frictional engagement of said hub with a central aperture of said compact disc.

6. (currently amended) The spinning top of Claim 1, ~~wherein said means for engaging said compact disc at an axially concentric position is a hub,~~ wherein said hub is in the form of a right cylinder and comprises spaced-apart, downwardly tapered projections extending outwardly therefrom for providing an interference or frictional fit with a central aperture of said compact disc when said hub is engaged therewith.

7. (currently amended) The spinning top of Claim 1, wherein said ~~means for engaging said compact disc at an axially concentric position is a hub,~~ said hub ~~having~~ comprises an annular groove formed therearound for functioning as a relief to facilitate flush and secure seating of said compact disc over an upper surface of said spinning head when said compact disc is engaged with said hub.

8. (currently amended) The spinning top of Claim 1, wherein said means for engaging said compact disc at an axially concentric position ~~is~~ comprises an adhesive selected from the group consisting of tapes, epoxies, resins, glues, and combinations thereof.

9. (currently amended) The spinning top of Claim 1, wherein said means for engaging said compact disc at an axially concentric position is further selected from the group consisting of tabs, prongs, clasps, resilient members, o-rings, grommets, clamps, magnets, magnetic clamps, grasping protuberances, elongated support arms, retaining clips, and combinations thereof.

10. (original) The spinning top of Claim 1, wherein said spinning head comprises a shaft for spinning said spinning head.

11. (currently amended) A spinning top, comprising:

a compact disc comprising a central aperture, wherein said compact disc is selected from the group consisting of promotional CDs, music CDs, Internet CDs, marketing CDs, software CD, gaming CDs, blank CDs, and data CDs; and

a spinning head comprising a hub dimensioned, and downwardly tapered to a larger diameter, to facilitate frictional engagement of said central aperture of said compact disc therewith, said spinning head further comprising a base for frictionally engaging a planar surface.

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13. (previously amended) The spinning top of Claim 11, wherein said base of said spinning head comprises a shallow conical-shape.

14. (original) The spinning top of Claim 11, wherein said spinning head comprises a shaft for spinning said spinning head.

15. (original) The spinning top of Claim 11, further comprising an annular groove formed around said hub for functioning as a relief to facilitate flush and secure seating of said compact disc over an upper surface of said spinning head when said compact disc is engaged with said hub.

16. (currently amended) A method of converting a compact disc into a spinning top, said method comprising the steps of:

a. obtaining a spinning head comprising means for engaging a compact disc at an axially concentric position, said spinning head further comprising a base for frictionally engaging a planar surface, wherein said means for engaging the compact disc at an axially concentric position is a hub;

b. engaging the compact disc with said means for engaging; and,

c. spinning said spinning head with the compact disc engaged therewith.

17. (previously amended) The method of Claim 16, wherein said base of said spinning head comprises a shallow conical-shape.

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19. (currently amended) The method of Claim 16, ~~wherein said means for engaging the compact disc at an axially concentric position is a hub,~~ wherein said hub is dimensioned, and downwardly tapered to a larger diameter, to facilitate frictional engagement of said hub with a central aperture of the compact disc.

20. (currently amended) The method of Claim 16, ~~wherein said means for engaging the compact disc at an axially concentric position is a hub,~~ wherein said hub is in the form of a right cylinder and comprises spaced-apart, downwardly tapered projections extending outwardly therefrom for providing an interference or frictional fit with a central aperture of the compact disc when said hub is engaged therewith.

21. (currently amended) The method of Claim 16, wherein said ~~means for engaging the compact disc at an axially concentric position is a hub,~~ said hub ~~having~~ comprises an annular groove formed therearound for functioning as a relief to facilitate flush and secure seating of the compact disc over an upper surface of said spinning head when the compact disc is engaged with said hub.

22. (currently amended) The method of Claim 16, wherein said means for engaging the compact disc at an axially concentric position is comprises an adhesive selected from the group consisting of tapes, epoxies, resins, glues, and combinations thereof.

23. (currently amended) The method of Claim 16, wherein said means for engaging the compact disc at an axially concentric position is further selected from the group consisting of tabs, prongs, clasps, resilient members, o-rings, grommets, clamps, magnets, magnetic clamps, grasping protuberances, elongated support arms, retaining clips, and combinations thereof.

24. (original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said spinning head comprises a shaft for spinning said spinning head.

25. (currently amended) An apparatus for converting a compact disc into a spinning top, said apparatus comprising:

a spinning head comprising a hub dimensioned to frictionally engage a compact disc at an axially concentric position, wherein the compact disc is selected from the group consisting of promotional CDs, music CDs, Internet CDs, marketing CDs, software CD, gaming CDs, blank CDs, and data CDs, and wherein said spinning head further comprising comprises a base for frictionally engaging a planar surface.

26. (previously amended) A method of advertising, comprising the step of:

a. supplying a consumer with a spinning head adapted to retain a compact disc in an axially concentric position therewith, wherein said spinning head further comprises a base for frictionally engaging a planar surface, and wherein said compact disc comprises promotional material thereon.

27. (original) The method of Claim 26, further comprising the step of: b. distributing said spinning head in combination with said compact disc.